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USE OF MARIJUANA AND LEGENT DRUGS, CULMINATING IN ARREST
AUGUST 2, 1968, OF JOHN B. SMITH AND FOUR NOP PAYROLLERS

On June 14, 1968, source one advised that Emmett House, John B. Smith, Hurley Gibson, Verdell Brooks, and Oree McKenzie, Charles Ballard, all of the Invaders, had a large quantity of white phenobarbital tablets at John B. Smith's apartment at 1644 Hanuaer.

On June 18, 1968, source one advised that Ballard and Charles Harrington were trying to raise money for BOP by selling phenobarbital tablets which had been obtained for them by Emmett House. They bragged that the following day they had an appointment with a representative of a federal agency from Washington, D. C., who had promised to fund them.

On June 22, 1968, source one advised that on June 21, 1968, Hurley Gibson, John B. Smith, Verdell Brooks, Melvin Smith, Oree McKenzie and Emmett House got "high" on Robitussin AC (codeine base cough syrup).

On June 23, 1968, source one advised that on that day Oree McKenzie and Emmett House had toured west Tennessee buying all the Robitussin AC they could find and had purchased \$81 worth to resell for a profit. It is illegal to buy more than four ounces at a time. They were going to "cut" it with Lipton tea before reselling. Emmett House was to be in charge of the distribution of the Robitussin and that Charles Ballard as director of NOP would get jobs for most of his buddies in BOP and Invaders.

On June 21, 1968, source two advised that on June 21, 1968, John B. Smith, Verdell Brooks, Oree McKenzie bought \$5 worth marijuana and smoked it with Murrell McCullough, Ben Berry, Monroe Hinds Jr., Eric Holman and Charles Harrington. John B. Smith said the black powerites had no alternative but to physically go to war with the white man.

On June 23, 1968, source two advised that on June 22, 1968, John B. Smith, Emmett House, Charles Harrington and Murrell McCullough traveled throughout west Tennessee buying Robitussin AC, acquiring about one gallon in all, and spending

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over \$80. They cut it with half a gallon of Karo syrup for resale. Harrington later sold \$16 worth on Beale Street, and Ballard later gave John B. Smith \$100.

On June 28, 1968, source two advised that Verdell Brooks said he had a gun hidden out at Alcy and Sparks and on June 27, 1968, Brooks gave Charles Harrington \$5 with which to buy more marijuana from Samuel Carter of City Organizers and Downtown Alliance. Later that day, Oree McKenzie, Ballard and Brooks bought marijuana from Carter.

On June 26, 1968, source two advised that the woman living in Apartment 3, 1644 Hanauer, which is next to Apartment 2 of John B. Smith, was keeping Robitussin and other drugs for John B. Smith, Charles Ballard, Charles Harrington and Arthur Norwood.

On June 30, 1968, source one advised that on the night of June 30, 1968, several of NOP payrollers and Invaders had gone to a white "hippie" house at an unknown address on Peabody to smoke marijuana in a glass water pipe which they wanted to obtain.

On July 3, 1968, source two said that on the night of June 2, 1968, Emmett House passed out from an overdose of drugs and that Charles Ballard, Charles Harrington, James Phillips, Murrell McCullough and Hurley Gibson and John B. Smith left him in Smith's apartment. Finally they put him out in the yard fearing the police would raid the apartment.

On July 4, 1968, source one advised that House had taken an overdose of Dilandid, a white tablet drug, taken by injection after melting in a spoon. He said this is called "mainlining" and that Harrington and John B. Smith have also been "mainlining."

On July 10, 1968, source two said that on the night of July 9, 1968, John B. Smith, Charles Harrington, Emmett House, Oree McKenzie, Verdell "Gee Gee" Brooks, Eric Holman and Murrell McCullough discussed the fact that one of their Invaders, a youngster, had been caught by the police after distributing too many phenobarbital pills.